

Sunday, April 19th, 2026



Reach Up

Reach In

Reach Out

We are here to help people know God, find freedom, discover their purpose, and make a difference in the community, near and far. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey...
You are welcome here.

Welcome to First Christian Church



ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE.....Aletta Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Eric Hays-Strom

Please join in the responsive Call to Worship, with everyone giving voice to the bold text as found in this bulletin and on the screens.

Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.

We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.

Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.



GATHERING HYMN

What Is This Place.....Chalice Hymnal #289

Verses 1 & 2

1

What is this place where we are meeting?

Only a house, the earth its floor,
walls and a roof sheltering people,
windows for light, an open door.

Yet it becomes a body that lives
when we are gathered here,
and know our God is near.

2

Words from afar, stars that are falling,
sparks that are sown in us like seed.
Names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders
sent from the past are what we need.

We in this place remember and speak
again what we have heard:
God's free redeeming word.



UNISON PRAYER.....Eric Hays-Strom

O risen Christ,
As on the road to Emmaus, when you were the disciples'
companion,
be at our side on the journey of faith
on life's pathways and at every encounter,
engender our compassion,
so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories.

Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word.
May it illumine us, and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it.
Teach us the art of exploring scripture together and open our
hearts to recognize you.
Grant us the courage to become vulnerable
so that our siblings may know you through us
and that we may know you through them. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

PRAYER TIME.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Touch the Earth Lightly.....Chalice Hymnal #693
Verses 1, & 4

1

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

4

God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently, and making us one.



CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE.....Sue Bogart

SCRIPTURE.....Luke 24:13-35 (Msg)

SERMON.....Rev. Patrick Crocker
Opening Scripture

COMMUNION HYMN

In the Bulb There Is a Flower.....Chalice Hymnal #638
Verses 1, 2, & 3

1

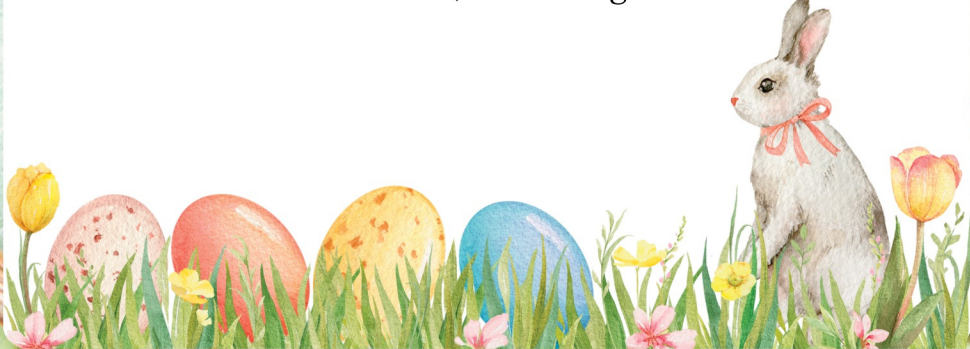
In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST.....Deb Cook

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

GOING FORTH HYMN

Restless Weaver.....Chalice Hymnal #658
Verses 1 & 4

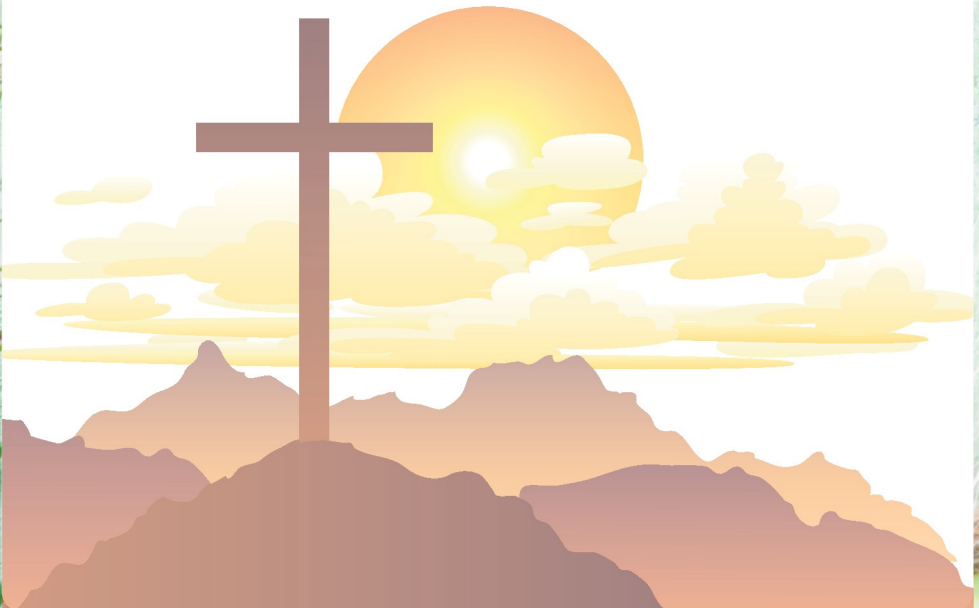
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Restless Weaver, ever spinning threads of justice and shalom;
dreaming patterns of creation where all creatures find a home;
gathering up life's varied fibers—every texture, every hue:
grant us your creative vision. With us weave your world anew.

4

Restless Weaver, still conceiving new life—now and yet to be—
binding all your vast creation in one living tapestry:
you have called us to be weavers. Let your love guide all we do.
With your Reign of Peace our pattern, we will weave your world
anew.

POSTLUDE.....Aletta Wilson



ABOUT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we celebrate communion weekly. We welcome all to the Lord's table as God has welcomed us.

We are the United Church of Christ, committed to hearing God's ancient story anew and afresh in our lives and in the world today. Why? Because God is still speaking.

We are an Open and Affirming community. In Christ's example, we want to offer all persons, regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation, or gender identity, the opportunity to discover and develop their gifts of God's love and service.

Welcome!

If you are visiting us today, we welcome you!

Please come worship with us again!

Global Ministries is supported by both DOC and UCC.

For more information, visit globalministries.org.

To assist with global crisis relief efforts, please visit:

DoC: www.weekofcompassion.org

UCC: www.ucc.org/what-we-do/wider-church-ministries/global-hope/

WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study**.....Sunday, 9 AM
Worship Service*.....Sunday, 10:15 AM
Men's Breakfast (at University IHOP).....Wednesday, 9AM
Spiritual Practices.....Thursday, 9 AM

** Our Hybrid Worship Service is held in-person at the church,
and live-streamed via Zoom and Facebook Live.*

MONTHLY EVENTS

- Celebrate Birthdays of the Month**.....First Sunday, 11:30 AM
Contemplative Worship.....First Sunday, 6:30 PM
Potluck.....Third Sunday, 11:30 AM
Brown Bag Lunch.....Third Wednesday, 11:30 AM

STAY IN TOUCH

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UPCOMING SERVICES

Services are at 10:15 am MDT unless otherwise noted.

April 26, 2026

Worship Leader: Karen Holmes

Offering: TBD

Communion: Esther Devall

May 3, 2026

Worship Leader: Hilda McKee

Offering: Paul Cook

Communion: TBD

May 10th, 2026

Worship Leader: Deb Cook

Offering: Debby Johnson

Communion: Paul Cook

May 17th, 2026

Worship Leader: Esther Devall

Offering: Scott Hays-Strom

Communion: Debby Johnson

NOTICE:

Anyone allergic/sensitive to scents is welcome to use the single stall bathroom across the hall from the main bathrooms.